

Contains "Buy America" Language to Ensure Jobs Created Stay in America

Washington, DC - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) voted today to pass the *Jobs for Main Street Act*, a comprehensive jobs bill designed to create good-paying jobs for Iowa's middle class families. The bill, which passed the House by a vote of 217-212, will be paid for entirely with returned TARP funds, so as not to add to the federal deficit. Last week, Braley and Rep. Mike Michaud (ME-02) sent a letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer calling for strong Buy America provisions in any new jobs legislation.

"I am glad to see House Leadership stood up for middle class families and included strong Buy America language in the jobs bill introduced today," Braley said. "As America has suffered the worst economic recession since the Great Depression, millions of hard-working Americans have lost their jobs and unemployment is now around 10 percent. The outsourcing of American jobs is a clear factor in this rising unemployment. It only makes sense to include strong Buy America provisions to further ensure that the jobs created as a result of this legislation stay within the United States. We have an obligation to create jobs in America and this provision is essential to creating and retaining good-paying jobs for our middle class families."

The legislation focuses on creating jobs to strengthen our infrastructure, help small businesses and ensure communities have the funds they need to continue providing necessary services. The bill includes \$48 billion for highways and infrastructure, \$27 Billion

for education, public safety and job training; and extends several initiatives from the Recovery Act to help America's small businesses.

To provide emergency relief for families hit hard by the recession, the legislation also includes \$79 billion for extending unemployment benefits, health insurance for unemployed workers, and tax credits for working families with children.

The Buy America language included in the *Jobs for Main Street Act* ensures that American made materials must be used for construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of transportation and infrastructure projects funded in the bill. These materials include American-made steel, iron and manufactured goods.

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